

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 21, 2008 has been reviewed and its contents carefully considered. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 6 and 15 were rejected as being anticipated by Thorgersen. This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is noted that the Office Action indicates claims 2-5 and 7-14 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

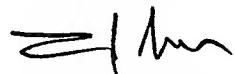
Accordingly, without conceding the propriety of the anticipation rejection, claim 1, the sole independent claim, has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 2 which is now cancelled. Therefore, it is believed that independent claim 1 is allowable as noted in the Office Action without the need for any further comment thereon.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the application are believed in order and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in expediting prosecution of the application; the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-861-1696.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to our Docket No. 77191.22000.

Respectfully submitted,

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